

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sports net, including a mesh structure formed by a foil with permanently-open holes distributed over its surface, wherein the sports net is adapted to be used in the playing of at least one sport, and wherein the size, shape and/or arrangement of the holes relative to each other is/are adapted to [[the]] an imprint and/or for an optimised flow of forces within the net structure, and wherein the size, shape and/or arrangement of the holes relative to each other varies/vary over the surface of the net, according to need.
2. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, wherein the foil is provided with information that is printed partially or fully on one side or on both sides.
3. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the holes are essentially square holes.
4. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, wherein bridges of the foil running between the holes have different widths.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, wherein an area ratio of holes to foil is 3:1 or more.
7. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, further including fixing means.

8. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 7, further including at least one loop running at least partially along one of the lateral edges of the foil.
9. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 7 or 8, further including a plurality of loops arranged adjacent to each other on one or more sides of the foil.
10. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 7, further including a loop extending along at least 90% of the length of one lateral edge.
11. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 7, further including one or more lugs in one or more edge regions of the foil.
12. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, wherein the foil is a plastic foil.
13. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, wherein the foil has a textile structure whose fibres are glued or welded together.
14. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, wherein the foil material is transparent or semi-transparent.
15. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a sports net, wherein a foil is made available in which permanently-open holes are made so that a net or mesh structure is formed; wherein the foil is printed on one or both sides before the holes are made; and wherein the resulting foil is made into a sports net adapted to be used in playing at least one sport.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15, wherein the holes are punched out, welded out, cut or engraved.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15, wherein the shape, size and arrangement of the holes are adapted to an imprint.
19. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15, wherein at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of the shape, size and arrangement of the holes in the foil is adapted to the flow of forces inside the net and varies throughout the surface of the net.
20. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15, wherein at least one partial section of one side of the foil is folded over and the associated lateral edge is secured to the foil.
21. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 20, wherein the lateral edge of the side folded over or the lateral section folded over is welded to the foil.
22. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15, wherein one lateral edge is folded, coiled, glued or welded to reinforce said lateral edge.
23. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 22, further including folding or wrapping a string.
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, adapted to be usable as a volleyball net.
26. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, adapted to be usable as a goal net.
27. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, adapted to be usable as a

tennis net.

28. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, adapted to be usable as a protective sports net.

29. (Previously Presented) The sports net according to Claim 1, wherein the holes are essentially square holes, and wherein the square holes have rounded corners.

30. (Previously Presented) A sports net, including a mesh structure formed by a foil with permanently-open holes distributed over its surface, the net having an area ratio of holes to foil of 3:1 or more, wherein the sports net is adapted to be used in the playing of at least one sport, further including fixing means and at least one loop running at least partially along one of the lateral edges of the foil, wherein the at least one loop comprises at least one partial section of one side of the foil that is folded over, and an associated lateral edge of which is secured to the foil.

31. (New) The sports net according to Claim 6, wherein the area ratio of holes to foil is 4:1 or more.